

**It Must Be Torture.**  
Dr. Nachtagal, the celebrated African explorer, was the guest of a rich Hamburg merchant. The merchant's son, a young man of a somewhat sentimental temperament, said among other things that his dearest wish was to ride across the desert on the back of a camel. He thought such a ride must be very painful indeed.

"My dear young friend," replied the explorer, "I can tell you how you can get a partial idea of what riding a camel on the deserts of Africa is like. Take an office stool, screw it up as high as possible and put it in a wagon without any springs. Then seat yourself on the stool and have it driven over rocky and uneven ground during the hottest weather of July or August and after you have not had anything to eat or drink for 24 hours, and then you will get a faint idea of how delightfully possible it is to ride on a camel in the wilds of Africa."

**Using the Left Hand.**  
The superiority of Japanese drawing can probably be traced to the custom of that land to make the children practice painting and drawing without the use of any stick or supporting device for the hand. They are taught to draw at the same time they are taught to write the letters of the alphabet, and they are taught to use both hands equally in the task.

The natural preference given to the right arm has been explained physiologically by the construction of the veins and nerves that enter the arms, those of the right arm being more prominent. The reverse is the case in the few who are naturally left handed.

**His Criticism.**  
When the first edition of the "Seasons" came out, the poet sent a handsome bound copy to Sir Gilbert Elliott of Minto, who had shown him kindness. Sir Gilbert took the book to his gardener, a relative of Thomson, who turned it over and over in his hands, gazing at it in admiration. Sir Gilbert said:

"Well, David, what do you think of James Thomson now? There's a book that will make him famous the world over and immortalize his name."

"In truth," said David, "it is a grand book. I did not think he had ingenuity enough to have done such a neat piece of handicraft."

**He Saved Red Tape.**  
The late Senator Morrill of Vermont, was as careful of the public property as if he bought and paid for it out of his private purse. He always carefully unrolled and saved the piece of red tape that came around his mail, in consequence of which his room was the only committee room that never made a requisition for tape.

It has been said that speech was given man to conceal his thoughts. This is not the true answer. Speech was given man to prevent other people from talking.—Boston Transcript.

**Mated.**  
"There's no fool like the old man who married a young woman."  
"I don't know. There's the young woman who marries the old man."—Chicago Record.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children.

—W. A. Stroud, Pocomoke City, Md.  
For sale by J. H. Janney, Druggist, 701 King St.

If you have piles, cure them. No use undergoing horrible operations that simply remove the results of the disease without disturbing the disease itself. Place your confidence in DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It has never failed to cure others; it will not fail to cure you. Edgar Warfield, Jr., corner King and Pitt streets.

**Opening and Closing of the Mails.**  
Northern mails, week days, close at 7:30 and 11:45 a. m. and 1:15, 2:50, 6:00, 8:10 and 8:15 p. m. On Sunday Northern mails close at 11:14 a. m. and 7:20 p. m.  
Southern mails via Charlottesville, close at 7:50 and 10:55 a. m. and 2:15 and 8:10 p. m. On Sunday Southern mails close at 7:50 and 10:55 a. m. and 2:15 and 8:10 p. m.  
Southern mails via Richmond, close at 10:20 a. m. and 3:13 and 8:10 p. m.  
Manassas Division mails close at 7:50 a. m. and 3:45 p. m. On Sunday at 1 p. m.  
Alexandria and Round Hill mails close at 8:40 a. m. and 4:00 p. m. On Sunday at 3:00 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.  
Chesapeake and Ohio mails close at 2:15 p. m. and 8:10 p. m. On Sunday at 8:00 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.  
Washington mails close at 7:40 and 11:45 a. m. and 1:15, 2:50, 6:50 and 8:10 p. m. On Sunday at 8:00 a. m. and 3:00 and 4:30 p. m.  
Office Hours—Open at 8:00 a. m. Close at 6:00 p. m.  
Sunday Hours—Open at 9:00 a. m. Close at 3:30 p. m.  
Carriers' Schedule—Collections made on inside routes—6:30 and 10:00 a. m. and 3:00 and 5:30 p. m. Full route—6:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. Sunday collection 5:00 p. m. Carriers' window open Sunday 9:00 a. m. and close 9:30 a. m.  
Deliveries made 9:00 a. m., 1:00 p. m., and 4:45 p. m.  
All mail should be in office ten minutes before hour indicated for closing.

**COME QUICK!**  
Come and see for yourself. Two places—404 and 921 King street—where you can have your SHOES REPAIRED IN FIFTEEN MINUTES while you wait. The lowest prices in the city. The best white oak leather used. All work guaranteed. Men's Half Soles and Heels 35c. One price only.

S. HEYMAN,  
Nos. 404 and 921 King street,  
Alexandria, Virginia.

**STRICTLY PURE APPLE VINEGAR** for sale by  
J. C. MILBURN

**DECATED COCOANUT**, fresh, just received by  
J. C. MILBURN

**PERALS AND MADRAS** for shirt waists, new styles, at  
A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

**NECKTIES**—Handsome line in Pinks, Blues, Greens, Teals and Browns, 25c and 50c, at  
A. C. SLAYMAKER'S.

**SLICED LEMON CLING PEACHES**, canned, quality choice, for sale at 10c a can by  
J. C. MILBURN.

**COFFEE ROASTED** at my store—121 C St. Try our new BLENDED COFFEE at 20c a pound.  
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